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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN VICE PRESIDENT VISITS ZAMBIA

1. NORTH KOREAN VICE PRESIDENT PAK SUNG CHUL COMPLETED
A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO ZAMBIA FEBRUARY 20. CHUL HEADED AN
18 MAN DELEGATION IN RECIPROCATING A VISIT TO NORTH KOREA
THREE YEARS AGO BY GREY ZULU, SECRETARY GENERAL OF ZAMBIA'S
RULING UNITED NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE PARTY (UNIP). THE
GROUP'S ITINERARY INCLUDED STOPS AT THE KAFUE HYDROELECTRIC
PROJECT AND A MINE IN THE COPPERBELT.

2. PAK PAID A CALL ON PRESIDENT KAUNDA, WHOSE WELCOMING
REMARKS INCLUDED A CALL ON ALL FOREIGN FORCES TO LEAVE
SOUTH KOREA AS A STEP TOWARD UNIFYING NORTH AND SOUTH.
PAK WARNED THAT "SOME IMPERIALIST ELEMENTS" WERE TRYING
TO INFILTRATE THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN ORDER TO SPLIT
THE MOVEMENT ON THE QUESTION OF KOREA. THE NORTH KOREAN
VICE PRESIDENT SAID HIS COUNTRY WAS GRATEFUL FOR ZAMBIA'S
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STAND ON THE REUNIFICATION ISSUE. PAK IN HIS TURN PLEDGED
KOREAN SOLIDARITY
WITH THOSE FIGHTING FOR THE LIBERATION

SOUTHERN AFRICA.

3. THE MOST INTERESTING EVENT OF THE ROUTINE AND RATHER

DESULTORY VISIT WAS AN INCIDENT INVOLVING A ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AND NEISMEN COVERING A LUNCHEON FOR THE NORTH KOREAN GROUP. DISTRICT GOVERNOR BONIFACE MAPANI GOT INTO A TIFF WITH A REPORTER FROM THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL AND ORDERED HIM OUT OF THE ROOM. ABOUT 20 OTHER REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS COVERING THE LUNCHEON THEREUPON ALSO LEFT THE ROOM IN PROTEST TO MAPANI'S ORDER, ALL OF WHICH TOOK PLACE IN FRONT OF THE NORTH KOREAN DENEGATION.

4. COMMENT: KAUNDA'S CALL FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM KOREA AS A STEP TOWARDS REUNIFICATION REFLECTS STANDARD GRZ POLICY AND WAS EXPECTED IN THE CONTEXT OF HOSTING PAK'S VISIT. ZAMBIA HAS IN FACT OVER THE LAST YEAR LAIN LTW ON THE REUNIFICATION ISSUE, REFLECTING AT LEAST IN PART GRZ TENDENCY NOT TO SEEK OCCASIONS TO DIFFER WITH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION OVER ISSUES OF MARGINAL INTEREST TO ZAMBIA.
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